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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due of November 20, 2003, and under the provisions 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 please amend the above-identified application further as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.